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MEETING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2003 AT 2:00 PM

## METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION GOVERNING BOARD

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER

111 NW FIRST STREET

MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128

COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBER

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- May 22, 2003

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AMENDMENT**

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TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR  
THE DESIGN OF THE BISCAINE BOULEVARD BURLE MARX SIDEWALK AND  
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**B. SCHOOL BOARD/MPO PLANNING COORDINATION INITIATIVE**

RESOLUTION ENDORSING A SYSTEMATIC PROCESS FOR IMPROVED  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COORDINATION BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE  
COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (MDCPS) AND THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING  
ORGANIZATION (MPO)

**C. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI  
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TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE SOUTH FLORIDA  
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**V. REPORTS**

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2. Request by Board Member Betty T. Ferguson: Another Neighborhood Action

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1. Feasibility of Using Waterways for Commuter Travel: Final Report

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1. SECRETARIAT

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA  
GOVERNING BOARD**

**MEETING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2003 AT 2:00 P.M.**

**STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER  
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COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**SUMMARY MINUTES**

Chairperson Carey-Shuler called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. In addition, the following members were present at the initiation of the meeting:

Betty T. Ferguson	Dennis C. Moss
Perla T. Hantman	Dorin D. Rolle
M. Ronald Krongold	Natacha Seijas
Joe A. Martinez	Jose Smith
Raul Martinez	Javier D. Souto

Non-voting members present: Mr. Gary Donn, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The following staff members were present: Pete Hernandez, Assistant County Manager, Jose-Luis Mesa, Director, MPO Secretariat, and Robert Cuevas, Assistant County Attorney.

The following members arrived after the meeting commenced:

Bruno A. Barrierio

Chairperson Carey-Shuler welcomed FDOT District 6 Secretary John Martinez to the MPO Board.

**III. MEMBER, VACANCY, ATTENDANCE AND DEMOGRAPHICS  
REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**1. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(CTAC)**

*No reports were provided.*

**2. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)**

Board Member Krongold appointed Mr. Steven Lefton to TARC.

**3. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)**

Mr. Ted Silver, BPAC Chairman, informed the Board that the BPAC submitted suggestions to the Planning & Zoning Department for the Naranja Community Urban Center Zoning Ordinances and many of those suggestions were taken into consideration. He further informed the Board that BPAC submitted a list of projects to the Miami Dade Public Works Department for the Greenways and Bikeway sections of the People Transportation Plan. He concluded by respectfully reminding the Board to fill any vacancies on BPAC.

Board Member Moss requested that information regarding citizens interested in serving on BPAC be submitted to his office. Mr. Silver responded that the BPAC Secretariat would provide the requested information.

**4. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)**

Mr. Servando Parapar, MDX Director, provided the Board with a brief update of the MDX 's projects currently in construction. (*A copy of this Report is available with the MPO Secretariat*).

Board Member Souto expressed concern with the amount of graffiti present on the expressways particularly SR836. Mr. Parapar responded that MDX has currently contracted out the maintenance work for the expressway. He further stated that the issue of graffiti was currently being address by the agency.

Board Member Souto expressed concern with the amount of freight trucks traveling on SR836 during peak hours. Mr. Parapar responded that MDX is currently working with other agencies to develop alternative usage of transportation for commuter travel that would alleviate the amount of traffic on the expressway during peak hours and maintain the primary purpose of the interstate expressways.

Board Member Souto requested that staff research the ability to regulate freight truck traveling on expressways. Board Member Seijas added that many states have placed restrictions on certain roads for freight travel. She concluded that the MPO might want to create a task force that would investigate options available on this issue and lobby them to Secretary Jose Abreu.

Mr. Pete Hernandez added that there were restrictions currently used in other counties within Florida. He further clarified by stating that these restrictions prevent trucks from using the inner lanes during posted hours for selected roads. He concluded by stating that staff would work with the various agencies to further investigate this issue.

## **I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Mesa informed the Board that Items V.A.3 was added to the agenda.

Board Member Moss moved the approval of the agenda as amended and Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The agenda was approved as amended.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board Member Moss moved the approval of the minutes of May 22, 2003, and Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

## **IV. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. FY 2003 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) *RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2003 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE DESIGN OF THE BISCAYNE BOULEVARD BURLE MARX SIDEWALK AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PUBLIC HEARING)***

Chairperson Carey-Shuler opened the public hearing. Chairperson Carey-Shuler closed the public hearing.

Board Member R. Martinez moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member J. Martinez seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

### **B. SCHOOL BOARD/MPO PLANNING COORDINATION INITIATIVE *RESOLUTION ENDORSING A SYSTEMATIC PROCESS FOR IMPROVED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COORDINATION BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (MDCPS) AND THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)***

Board Member Hantman moved for the approval of the resolution. Board Member R. Martinez seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

Board Member Hantman informed the Board that the purpose of the proposed resolution is to provide for increase coordination between the Miami-Dade County Public School (MDCPS) and the MPO in the planning of new educational facilities and to ensure that, whenever possible, adequate road capacity is available concurrent with the construction of educational facilities. She further informed the Board that Miami Dade County Public School Board unanimously endorsed this concept in March of this year.

Board Member Seijas requested clarity which agency would be responsible for providing the GIS Base Map needed for the proposed coordination. Mr. Mesa responded that the MPO has the capabilities and would work with the MDCPS to develop the needed GIS Base Maps. Mr. Donn added that FDOT would continue to work with the MPO and MDCPS during this process.

Board Member Hantman moved for the approval of the resolution. Board Member R. Martinez seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**C. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MIAMI DADE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (FIU) TO PREPARE THE COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT

Board Member Rolle moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member R. Martinez seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**D. VANPOOL PROGRAM CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND VPSI, INC., TO ADD FUNDING FOR MARKETING THE SOUTH FLORIDA VANPOOL PROGRAM (SFVP)

Board Member R. Martinez expressed concern with the amount of money proposed for marketing the Vanpool Program. He further clarified by stating that he was not comfortable with the amount of information provided. He concluded by moving to defer this resolution until more

information could be provided. Board Member Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **V. REPORTS**

### **A. MEMBERS**

1. Request by Board Member Joe. A. Martinez: Presentation on the East/West Corridor Project.

Board Member J. Martinez informed the Board that his concept of the East/West Corridor Project is not in the People Transportation Plan (PTP). He further clarified that the project is listed in the PTP as an extension to Metrorail. He further stated that this option would require only 1/3 of the proposed cost that is currently listed in the PTP. He also stated that the project could be completed within 3 years. He then stated that an earlier projected completion date could be accomplished by using existing rail lines in the area. He concluded by introducing Mr. Danny Alvarez, Director of Office of Public Transportation Management (OPTM), who provided the Board with a brief PowerPoint Presentation. *(To view this PowerPoint Presentation, contact the MPO Secretariat).*

Mr. Michael Williams, Tri-Rail, informed the Board that the Tri-Rail is moving forward with the Dolphin Extension and is confident that the project could be built within two-years. The Tri-Rail Dolphin extension seeks to use generally the same right-of-way envisioned for the East-West Project.

Board Member J. Martinez concluded by stating that the success of completing this project is contingent on the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) moving forward.

Board Member R. Martinez requested clarity on the status of the MIC. He further stated that issues with MIC needed to be resolved before any discussions on the East/West Corridor should take place. *(A copy of the correspondence distributed is available with the MPO Secretariat).*

Board Member Moss responded that Miami Dade County and FDOT are still negotiating on this issue. He further stated that a full presentation on the MIC has been scheduled for next MPO Agenda. He then recommended that the MPO Board have a workshop to investigate all the options regarding the project. He further stated that he has requested that a business plan be developed for implementing

the PTP. *(A copy of this correspondence distributed during this discussion is available with the MPO Secretariat).*

Chairperson Carey-Shuler requested that Mr. Mesa contact Board Members to obtain availability dates for this workshop.

2. Request by Board Member Betty T. Ferguson: Another Neighborhood Action

Board Member Ferguson introduced the community group, Another Neighborhood Action, which comprised of citizens residing in the Golden Glades community.

Several representatives from the Another Neighborhood Action, informed the Board regarding their concerns with the Florida Turnpike Golden Glades Interchange. They stated that the community approached the Turnpike on numerous occasions about the noise level and pollution that has caused health problems and discomfort for the community that surrounds this Interchange. They concluded by respectfully requesting that the MPO Board intervene on this issue.

Mr. Kent Rice, Florida Turnpike, responded that the correspondence distributed was the information he obtained from the corporate office regarding this issue. He further stated that the previous study of the area in 1996 determined that noise levels did exceed the noise abatement criteria, but noise abatement would fail to benefit enough residences according to the established cost per receiver criteria. He concluded by stating that the Turnpike has initiated a noise study in the vicinity of the Golden Glades Interchange that will evaluate noise receptors beyond the first row of housing. He further concluded that this would ensure all residences that approach or exceed federal noise criteria have been identified. *(A copy of Florida Turnpike Enterprise correspondence is available with the MPO Secretariat).*

Board Member Rolle requested clarity on the purpose of planting sea grape trees instead of a noisewall. Mr. Rice responded that it would provide visual effect.

Board Member Ferguson requested that the Turnpike Director appear before the MPO Board at the next MPO meeting. Board Member Seijas added that a plan should be presented to the MPO Board that demonstrate where funding would come from and when the noise wall would be built.

Board Member R. Martinez requested that Turnpike provide information on the amount of funding they receive including revenues.

He further requested that information regarding the amount of funds collected versus the actual amount invested in Miami Dade County. He concluded by requesting that the FDOT become more involve with the getting this issue resolved.

Chairperson Carey-Shuler requested that Turnpike provide a status report to the MPO Board regarding the Golden Glades community at each Board meeting.

After much discussion, MPO Board Member Ferguson moved for the MPO Board to approve a resolution requesting that Florida Turnpike Enterprise provide the MPO Board with a plan for the construction of the Golden Glades Community noise wall that would demonstrate where the funds would come from and when the wall would be constructed. The motion was seconded by Board Member Seijas and approved unanimously.

Board Member Ferguson requested that Mr. Mesa evaluate the responses received from Turnpike to assure that the MPO Board's concerns have been addressed.

3. Request by Board Member Jose Smith: Status Report on the City of Miami Beach's Transit Options Study

Board Member Smith informed the Board that the City of Miami Beach retained consultants to study various rapid transit options as they relate to the City of Miami Beach environment. He then introduced Mr. Robert Middaugh, Assistant City Manager for the Miami Beach and Mr. Hale, Miami Beach's consultants.

Mr. Middaugh requested that the MPO Board grant the City of Miami Beach more time to complete the study and make an informed decision. Mr. Hale added that the study was near completion. He further stated that the final report will be delivered for review by the public and the City of Miami Beach by July 10, 2003. Board Member Smith concluded that the City of Miami Beach commission anticipates selecting a locally preferred alternative at its July 30, 2003 meeting.

Board Member Smith moved that MPO Board defer the selection of the locally preferred alternative until the MPO Board's September 25, 2003 meeting. Board Member Barriero seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Rolle requested that FDOT provide the follow-up to the I-95 underpass for 95<sup>th</sup> Street and 103<sup>rd</sup> Street. He concluded by



requesting that staff provide follow-up to the incomplete road improvements on N.W. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 79<sup>th</sup> Street.

**B. MANAGER**

**1. Feasibility of Using Waterways for Commuter Travel: Final Report**

Mrs. Susan Frasier, Gannett Fleming, provided the Board with a brief PowerPoint Presentation (*A copy of this presentation is available with the MPO Secretariat*).

Board Member Souto introduced Mr. Peter Evans, Metro Aqua Cats, who provided the Board with a brief presentation on his proposal of a fast ferry service. (*A copy of this report is available with the MPO Secretariat*).

Chair Carey-Shuler referred this presentation to the Board of County Commission Transportation Committee for further review. Mr. Hernandez suggested that staff would meet with Mr. Evans to review the feasibility of the fast ferry services before submitting a plan to the Transportation Committee. The Board agreed to this recommendation.

**C. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT)**

**D. SECRETARIAT**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.